



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Central Coast Region



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Dear Messrs. McClure and Mr. McLaughlin:

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EVALUATION OUTLINE, 425 TENNANT AVENUE FACILITY, SANTA CLARA  
COUNTY**

As you are aware, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment recently issued a Public Health Goal (PHG) for perchlorate in drinking water. The drinking water PHG was set at 6 parts per billion (ppb). Now that the PHG has been determined, we request that the focus of the Alternative Water Supply Evaluation Report's (Report) analysis be modified to reflect the PHG. The Report is due April 16, 2004. Currently, you have agreed to provide more detailed water replacement information and details for wells with perchlorate concentrations ranging from 18 to 40 ppb. We request that you provide greater detail beginning with perchlorate concentrations of 6 ppb. We believe this will enable Olin to better assess and plan for long-term water replacement needs in the affected groundwater areas.

Please be aware that at this time the PHG will not be used for nor does this letter establish cleanup levels for perchlorate in groundwater. As you are aware, State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 92-49 (Resolution No. 92-49) establishes statewide cleanup policy. Resolution No. 92-49 sets the initial goal of background conditions for all groundwater cleanups. As the investigation moves into the cleanup phase, the statewide cleanup policy will need to be carefully considered in your cleanup plans. Until cleanup is specifically directed, we ask that the Report carefully consider the new PHG.

If you have any questions, please contact David Athey at (805) 542-4644 or Eric Gobler at (805) 549-3467.

Sincerely,  
  
Roger W. Briggs  
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